GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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MALPRACTICES BY DEALERS
RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil Marketing Companies take into account the malpractices committed by dealers for taking decisions in terms of MDG;

(b) if so, whether such provisions are provided in the aforesaid guidelines and have been informed by OMC`s to dealers;

(c) if so, whether such provisions are also applicable for LPG distributors;

(d) if not, the reasons of having a different stand in two set of guidelines; and

(e) the manner of which OMC`s can take coercive action against dealers without Government`s approval?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Provisions have been made in the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) for taking various types of action against the erring dealers/distributors for the various irregularities / malpracties made by them.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Action against erring dealers / distributors is taken in line with the MDG approved by the Government and/or Dealership/Distributorship Agreement entered into with them.